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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND § 1.114

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 4, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith. A Shortened Statutory Period was set to expire three (3) months after the mailing date of the Final Office Action, i.e. on January 4, 2005. Applicant hereby requests a three (3) month extension of time extending the time for reply to and including April 4, 2005. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of this RCE on April 1, 2005 is timely.

Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

The present Amendment is believed to be in compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Federal Register on June 30, 2003 (68 FC 38611), and therefore to be exempt from the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d).